

Appl. No. 09/714,040  
Amendment dated February 1, 2006  
Reply to Office Action of November 2, 2005

**REMARKS**

Please enter this Amendment and Response and reconsider the rejection of the claims.

Applicant has amended claims 25 and 40 to clarify the subject matter of the claims.

Applicants submit that the amendment is supported throughout the specification.

Applicant has added new claims 44 to 48. Applicant submits the newly presented claims are supported throughout the specification, including at page 11, lines 24-35; page 14, lines 7-25; and page 35, lines 9-23.

Applicant has amended the specification to correct typographical errors.

**Interview Summary**

Applicant thanks Examiner Blanchard and his supervisor for the interview on November 3, 2005. We discussed the current rejections. Applicant discussed possible amendments that would overcome the rejections of record.

**Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)**

The Examiner rejected claims 25 and 38 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Bodmer (WO 98/01974).

Applicant's claim 25 is now directed to a  $F(ab')_2$ , wherein each  $Fab'$  comprises a CH1 domain fused to an amino acid sequence of about 1 to 10 amino acids comprising a C terminal amino acid sequence of Cys-X-X, wherein X is Ala, Arg, Pro or Asp. Applicants submit Bodmer et al. does not teach or suggest such a  $F(ab')_2$ .

For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection.

**Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph**

The Examiner rejected claims 25, 29, and 38-43 for being indefinite. The Examiner contends that it is unclear what is meant by  $F(ab')$  and  $Fab'$ . While not acquiescing in the rejection and solely to expedite prosecution, Applicant has corrected this typographical error, rendering the rejection moot. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

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Summary

Applicant submits the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly solicited. Applicant requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's representative if prosecution may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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